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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y TEXT (GARBLED THROUGHOUT)

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TAGS:NHINS, MOPS, CG  
SUBJECT: SECOND CONVERSATION WITH TSHOMBE ISOJ KABWIT

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1. SUMMARY: TSHOMBE AGAIN VISITED THE CONSULATE ON JUNE 2. HE TALKED ABOUT THE ANTI-LUNDA STANCE OF THE GOZ, POSSIBLE REFORMS IN SHABA, THE SECURITY SITUATION A COALITION OF ANTI-MOBUTU GROUPS, AND THE VIABILITY OF A PAN AFRICANFORCE FOR THE AREA. END SUMMARY.

2. IN DISCUSSING ALIENATION OF LUNDA, TSHOMBE SAID THAT MANY OF HIS PEOPLE OPPOSE THE REBELS AND ARE READY TO COOPERATE WITH GOZ. HOWEVER, THERE WAS NO SIGN THAT THE MOBUTU REGIME WAS AT ALL WILLING TO RENOUNCE ITS EMITY TOWARD THE LUNDA. IN FACT IT APPEARED THAT EVEN GREATER REPRESSIVE MEASURES WERE TO BE TAKEN. TSHOMBE PUT THE BLAME FOR THE REPRESSION DIRECTLY ON MOBUTU FOR HIS STATEMENTS WHICH ENCOURAGED THE ANTI LUNDA AND ANTI SHABAN MEASURES TAKEN BY THE MILITARY.

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3. MANY LUNDA ARE ALREADY FLEEING THE AREAS UNDER FAZ CONTROL TO ANGOLA AND ZAMBIA. TSHOMBE THOUGHT THAT UNLESS THERE WAS NO DRAMATIC REVERSAL IN THE CURRENT SITUATION, MUCH OF THE URBAN LUNDA POPULATION AND ALL LUNDA IN THE RURAL AREAS WOULD LEAVE ZAIRE. THOSE THAT REMAINED WERE TERRIFIED THAT A GENOCIDE CAMPAIGN WOULD BE LAUNCHED AGAINST THEM.

4. TSHOMBE THOUGHT THAT ONLY A POLITICAL RESOLUTION NOT A MILITARY ONE WOULD BE THE ANSWER TO SHABA'S PROBLEMS. ONLY A TRUE RECONCILIATION BETWEEN MOBUTU AND THE LUNDA WOULD SUFFICE AND TSHOMBE DID NOT THINK THIS WAS POSSIBLE GIVEN THE PRESIDENT'S STATED POSITION. WE QUELLED HIM ABOUT SPECIFIC ACTIONS MOBUTU GOVERNMENT MIGHT TAKE TO PROMOTE RECONCILIATION. REGARDING RETRACTION OF ANTI-LUNDA STATEMENTS IN PRESENCE OF PROMINENT FIGURE SUCH AS HIS BROTHER, THE MWANT YAV HE SAID SUCH ACTION MIGHT BE SYMBOLICALLY BENEFICIAL. HE ADDED HOWEVER, THAT MANY LUNDAS WERE SO DISTRUSTFUL OF THE PRESIDENT THAT THEY WOULD NOT EXPECT ANY REMEDIAL ACTION TO FOLLOW. REGARDING A POSSIBLE PARDON FOR NGUZU KARL-I-BOND, TSHOMBE RESPONDED THAT THIS MIGHT BE APPRECIATED SOME BUT WOULD NOT IN ITSELF

CONSTITUTE A RAPPROCHMENT. HE ADDED THAT NGUZU WAS NOT WELL RESPECTED BY MANY LUNDAS BECAUSE OF HIS PRESUMED AMBITION AND FORMER CLOSE TIES WITH THE MOBUTU GOVERNMENT. CONSIDERING THE DAMAGE ALREADY DONE TO NGUZU BY MOBUTU MANY LUNDAS WOULD THINK IT DISHONORABLE FOR HIM TO ACCEPT ANOTHER POST UNDER THE PRESIDENT.

5. WHAT WAS NECESSARY WAS AN END TO STRONG CENTRAL  
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GOVERNMENT CONTROL OVER SHABA. ADMINISTRATORS APPOINTED TO SHABA'S REGIONAL GOVERNMENT WHOSE ORIGINS WERE IN OTHER REGIONS DID NOT UNDERSTAND OR CARE ABOUT SHABA'S PROBLEMS. MOREOVER DISAGREEMENT WITH GOZ POLICY WAS OFTEN EQUATED WITH TREASON. SHABA HAD MANY CAPABLE MEN WHO COULD RUN SHABA'S AFFAIRS. TSHOMBE BROUGHT UP HIS EXPERIENCE FROM A TRIP TO THO US WHERE HE HAD FOUND THAT THE PEOPLE OF EACH STATE WERE CONCERNED PRIMARILY ABOUT THAT STATE'S PROBLEMS.

6. TSHOMBE ALSO FELT THAT THE LACK OF DEMOCRACY AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL WAS A GREAT PROBLEM FOR ZAIRE. HE CONSIDERED HIS OWN POSITION AS A COMMISSAIRE DE PEOPLE A JOKE. HE HAD ACTIVELY SOUGHT HIS SEAT DURING THE TIME OF THE ELECTIONS, BECAUSE HE HAD THOUGHT THAT THE ZAIRIAN LEGISLATURE WOULD BE A LAW MAKING BODY. NOTHING COULD BE FARTHER FROM THE TRUTH. ALL THAT THE MOBUTU GOVERNMENT WANTED AS A BODY TO RUBBER STAMP ITS ACTIONS.

7. TURNING TO THE IMMEDIATE PROBLEM OF SECURITY IN

ZAIRE, TSHOMBE SAID THAT THERE WAS NO REASON TO FEAR FURTHER ATTACKS IN SHABA AS LONG AS FRENCH AND/OR BELGIAN PARATROOPS WERE STATIONED HERE. WHAT TSHOMBE FEARED WAS ATTACKS IN OTHER REGIONS OF ZAIRES, ESPECIALLY TERRORIST ATTACKS IN KINSHASA. TSHOMBE THOUGHT THAT KINSHASA WAS ESPECIALLY VULNERABLE TO ATTACK AS THE POPULATION THERE WAS MUCH MORE PRONE TO PANIC THAN IN SHABA. TSHOMBE ALSO DOUBTED THAT THE FAZ WOULD BE ABLE TO PREVENT SUCH ATTACKS.

8. SPEAKING OF TROUBLE OF OTHER REGIONS TSHOMBE MENTIONED THE INTERNATIONAL RADIO REPORTS OF MILITARY ACTION AT BUNAI, IN HAUT-ZAIRE. TSHOMBE SAID THAT THE CHANCES OF TROUBLE IN OTHER REGIONS PER-  
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PETRATED BY OTHER ANTI-MOBUTU GROUPS HAD BEEN MULTI-PLIED BECAUSE OF A COALITION FORMED WITH THE FLNC. HIS INFORMATION WAS THAT A MEETING OF FLNC, PRP MARC, THE MULELEISTS AND OTHER GROUPS HAD TAKEN PLACE IN BRUSSELS AFTER THE KOLWEZI ATTACK. TSHOMBE BELIEVE THAT AN ALLIANCE HAD BEEN SORTED OUT AND THE FLNC AND PRP IN PARTICULAR WERE COORDINATING FURTHER ACTIVITIES.

9. TSHOMBE DID NOT THINK THAT A PAN-AFRICAN FORCE WAS A VIABLE ALTERNATIVE TO A EUROPEAN MILITARY PRESENCE IN SHABA. TSHOMBE HAD IN A GENERAL A LOW OPINION OF AFRICAN SOLDIERS AND BELIEVED THAT IVORIAN GABONESE, AND TOGOLESE TROOPS WOULD PROBABLY COMFORT THEMSELVES IN SHABA MUCH AS ZAIRIAN SOLDIERS FROM OTHER REGIONS. IN FEAR OF THE LOCAL POPULATION AND MORE IMPRESSIONABLE THAN THEIR EUROPEAN COUNTERPARTS, THE SOLDIERS OF A PAN AFRICAN FORCE WOULD PROBABLY RESORT TO REPRESSION AND BRUTALITY.  
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